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Colorado Trends

Labor market indicators for May reflected improved conditions in the State's economy. Unemployment declined for the second month in a row to its lowest level of the year and the number of employed residents posted a slight gain. Colorado's seasonally adjusted jobless rate fell to 8.3 percent of the civilian labor force, down from the revised 8.6 in April. One year ago the rate was 7.4 percent. Signs are getting stronger that the worst is now behind us and job opportunities should be on the rise within the next few months.

Corresponding to the lower unemployment rate, those unable to find work dropped 5,400 to 140,300 in May. Joblessness has fallen significantly during the past two months, but remains 15,300 higher than last year at the same time.

Employment movements were small, but positive during May as the number of workers expanded by 1,500 after adjustment for normal seasonal patterns. At 1,557,800, employment is 9,500 below the mark of one year ago. It looks as if much of the employment gain was due to the hiring of replacement grocery workers by King Soopers during the recent labor-management dispute. Persons on strike are counted as employed (with a job, but not at work) in the estimate of total jobholders. The strike ended the first week in June.

Activities at the Department's Job Services Centers also show a general upturn in hirings. Job placements totaled nearly 11,200 during the last two months, an increase of 9 percent over the same period last year.

Around the State, only 9 of Colorado's 63 counties recorded higher unemployment in May on an unadjusted basis. Layoffs in mining or food processing pushed up joblessness in some of the areas. Lake County has been severely shaken by the indefinite closure of AMAX's molybdenum mine near Leadville; unemployment in the County now stands at 35 percent.

Nationally, the labor force situation for May remained in a relatively good position. The rate of unemployment was unchanged at 6.3 percent, a seven-year low. The number of jobless persons rose 46,000 to just over 7.5 million while employment expanded 612,000 to reach a record 112.4 million.

Colorado industry was equally divided among gainers and losers in May with four of its nine major industrial sectors posting advances, four declining and the mining sector remaining unchanged. Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose 2,900 to 1,402,700 in May from the 1,399,800 recorded in April. The gain was normal for this time of year. Total wage and salary jobs in the State are still running below their level of a year ago (down 3,500 from May 1986).

Agriculture employment showed the largest monthly rise of any sector, adding 8,500 workers in the past month, as spring planting and preharvest activities got into full swing. May is generally one of the best growth months of the year for farm workers. Trade was the second biggest gainer garnering 3,600 new jobs over the month.

Contract construction employment increased 1,600 jobs in May with all three subsectors adding workers, but the gain was below seasonal expectations for this time of year. This sector for the most part remains depressed. The current level of employment in the industry at 72,500 is 24,400 or 25% below that of its record high in August 1984 when 96,900 were employed.

Manufacturing employment was up by 400 in the latest reporting period with durable goods manufacturing accounting for all of the gain. While the manufacturing of durables has slowly gained in strength the past few months, nondurable goods production has weakened. This subsector received another blow with the announcement that the Denver Post plans to eliminate 200 of its nearly 1,600 jobs at the newspaper over the next few months in order to pare costs.

Sectors losing jobs over the month included transportation and public utilities (down 300), finance, insurance and real estate (down 600), services (down 1,600) and government (down 200).

On the positive front, Comp-U-Card International, a computer-based marketing firm, is locating a 24-hour travel service center in Aurora. The firm expects to have a staff of 200 by year end and employ as many as 500 by 1988. The company has two other offices nationwide. In spite of its recent sluggish condition the State continues to attract new firms. In the just released annual survey by GrantThornton, a nationwide accounting firm, Colorado ranked 5th for having the best manufacturing climate in 1986. The State ranked consistently high in all five categories rated: State and local government fiscal policies or tax rates, State-regulated employment costs, labor costs, availability of resources, and quality of life.

One area of the State that appears on the verge of a resurgence is Greeley. Commercial construction activity is expected to be a record this year. Projects include the $58 million University of Northern Colorado cogeneration plant, $18 million in school bond construction, $7 million for improvements at the UNC Student Center and at Ross Hall, and the $3 million ConAgra retail store, The Country General Store. The nearly completed $11.2 million Plaza Hotel and Convention Center and the $9.2 million Union Colony Civic Center are prime examples of the city's revitalization.

Although improvement can be seen in certain areas of the economy, until we get some sustained employment growth the unemployment rate may suffer temporary rises as new entrants into the labor force increase this summer.

The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate in the **DENVER MSA** fell two-tenths of a percent to 7.6 percent in May, continuing the reversal which began in April. After adjusting for seasonal movements in the labor force, the number of jobless Area residents fell 1,800 over the month to 69,200. The number of unemployed persons in the Metro Region is now 10,900 higher than one year ago. The seasonally adjusted number of employed persons rose to 836,800 in May, 2,200 above April's level of 834,600. Employment is now only 800 below the level recorded in May 1986.

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	MAY 1987	APR 1987	FEB 1987	MAY 1986	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1698.1	1702.0	1723.5	1692.3	-3.9	-25.4	5.8
Unemployment	140.3	145.7	149.0	125.0	-5.4	-8.7	15.3
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.3	8.6	8.6	7.4	---	---	---
Employment	1557.8	1556.3	1574.5	1567.3	1.5	-16.7	-9.5
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1402.6	1402.6	1411.5	1406.6	0.0	-8.9	-4.0
Mining	23.9	23.9	24.8	28.0	0.0	-0.9	-4.1
Contract Construction	73.3	74.4	76.8	77.9	-1.1	-3.5	-4.6
Manufacturing	183.6	184.3	184.4	185.8	-0.7	-0.8	-2.2
Durable Goods	118.0	117.7	117.5	119.5	0.3	0.5	-1.5
Nondurable Goods	65.6	66.6	66.9	66.3	-1.0	-1.3	-0.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	89.1	89.6	88.9	88.4	-0.5	0.2	0.7
Trade	350.1	346.3	352.4	351.9	3.8	-2.3	-1.8
Wholesale	74.7	75.1	76.2	78.2	-0.4	-1.5	-3.5
Retail	275.4	271.2	276.2	273.7	4.2	-0.8	1.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	97.4	97.9	97.6	97.2	-0.5	-0.2	0.2
Services	328.4	328.0	328.9	326.1	0.4	-0.5	2.3
Government	256.8	258.2	257.7	251.3	-1.4	-0.9	5.5
Federal	54.5	56.0	54.9	52.3	-0.5	-0.4	2.2
State	60.4	60.6	60.7	57.0	-0.2	-0.3	3.4
Local	141.9	142.6	142.1	142.0	-0.7	-0.2	-0.1
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	906.0	905.6	917.4	895.9	0.4	-11.4	10.1
Unemployment	69.2	71.0	72.6	58.3	-1.8	-3.4	10.9
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	7.8	7.9	6.5	---	---	---
Employment	836.8	834.6	844.8	837.6	2.2	-8.0	-0.8
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	805.1	805.4	809.6	805.0	-0.3	-4.5	0.1
Mining	15.9	15.9	16.2	18.1	0.0	-0.3	-2.2
Contract Construction	40.0	40.5	41.3	42.6	-0.5	-1.3	-2.6
Manufacturing	94.3	94.8	95.1	96.8	-0.5	-0.8	-2.5
Durable Goods	50.3	50.1	50.7	52.1	0.2	-0.4	-1.8
Nondurable Goods	44.0	44.7	44.4	44.7	-0.7	-0.4	-0.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	64.2	64.7	64.2	63.4	-0.5	0.0	0.8
Trade	203.7	201.9	204.0	202.9	1.8	-0.3	0.8
Wholesale	53.4	53.6	54.3	56.6	-0.2	-0.9	-3.2
Retail	150.3	148.3	149.7	146.3	2.0	0.6	4.0
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	65.2	65.4	65.9	65.2	-0.2	-0.7	0.0
Services	199.1	198.7	198.8	197.5	0.4	0.3	1.6
Government	122.7	123.5	124.1	118.5	-0.8	-1.4	4.2
Federal	32.2	32.4	32.3	31.1	-0.2	-0.1	1.1
State	24.8	25.4	25.8	22.7	-0.6	-1.0	2.1
Local	65.7	65.7	66.0	64.7	0.0	-0.3	1.0
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	129510	130520	131890	129410	-1010	-2380	100
Unemployment	7910	8200	8630	7830	-290	-640	80
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.1	6.3	6.5	6.1	---	---	---
Employment	121600	122320	123340	121580	-720	-1740	20
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	180480	181850	185580	177190	-1370	-5100	3290
Unemployment	16510	16950	17330	13420	-440	-820	3090
Unemployment Rate (%)	9.1	9.3	9.3	7.6	---	---	---
Employment	163970	164900	168250	163770	-930	-4280	200
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	86570	87830	89740	86780	-1260	-3170	-210
Unemployment	6200	6390	6870	5570	-190	-670	630
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.2	7.3	7.7	6.4	---	---	---
Employment	80370	81440	82870	81210	-1070	-2500	-840
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	63970	64450	65760	63510	-480	-1790	460
Unemployment	5700	5740	6060	5610	-40	-360	90
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.9	8.9	9.2	8.8	---	---	---
Employment	58270	58710	59700	57900	-440	-1430	370
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	48390	49100	50030	49260	-710	-1640	-870
Unemployment	5460	5690	6230	6020	-230	-770	-560
Unemployment Rate (%)	11.3	11.6	12.5	12.2	---	---	---
Employment	42930	43410	43800	43240	-480	-870	-310

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	MAY 2/ 1987	APR 3/ 1987	MAY 1986	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	1698.3	1696.8	1692.9	1500	5400
(by place of residence)					
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	142.1	151.4	126.7	-9300	15400
Unemployment Rate (%)	8.4	8.9	7.5	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1556.2	1545.4	1566.2	10800	-10000
Nonagricultural 5/	1512.1	1509.8	1521.5	2300	-9400
Agricultural	44.1	35.6	44.7	8500	-600
WAGE & SALARY 6/	1402.7	1399.8	1406.2	2900	-3500
(by place of work)					
MINING	23.7	23.7	27.7	0	-4000
Bit. Coal, Lignite & Nonmetallic	3.8	3.7	4.4	100	-600
Oil & Gas Extraction	17.0	17.0	19.5	0	-2500
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	72.5	70.9	77.0	1600	-4500
General Building Contractors	17.2	16.9	19.4	300	-2200
Heavy Construction Contractors	10.7	10.2	10.8	500	-100
Special Trade Contractors	44.6	43.8	46.8	800	-2200
MANUFACTURING	182.6	182.2	184.8	400	-2200
Durable Goods	117.3	116.8	118.8	500	-1500
Lumber, Wood Products & Furniture	6.6	6.6	6.8	0	-200
Stone, Clay, Glass & Concrete Prd	8.1	7.9	8.9	200	-800
Primary & Fabricated Metals	13.1	13.0	13.0	100	100
Machinery, except Electrical	25.9	25.7	25.5	200	400
Electric & Electronic Equipment	22.2	22.2	22.8	0	-600
Transportation Equipment	18.1	18.1	17.7	0	400
Nondurable Goods	65.3	65.4	66.0	-100	-700
Food & Kindred Products	22.6	22.6	24.0	0	-1400
Printing & Publishing	22.7	22.8	22.2	-100	500
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	89.0	89.3	88.3	-300	700
Communication, Elec, Gas, Sani. Svcs	46.8	47.2	47.4	-400	-600
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	347.8	344.2	349.5	3600	-1700
Wholesale Trade	74.6	74.9	78.0	-300	-3400
Retail Trade	273.2	269.3	271.5	3900	1700
General Merchandise Stores	30.5	29.8	28.1	700	2400
Food Stores	43.9	41.2	40.8	2700	3100
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Station	28.8	28.4	28.5	400	300
Eating & Drinking Places	103.5	103.2	106.8	300	-3300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	97.0	97.6	96.8	-600	200
Banking	21.8	21.8	22.4	0	-600
Credit Agencies Other Than Banks	19.1	19.1	18.9	0	200
SERVICES	326.4	328.0	324.1	-1600	2300
Hotels & Other Lodging	27.4	28.1	27.4	-700	0
Personal Services	16.4	16.8	16.5	-400	-100
Business Services	70.6	70.3	70.8	300	-200
Auto & Misc. Repair Services	15.9	15.9	15.6	0	300
Amusements & Recreation	19.0	21.5	18.7	-2500	300
Health Services	81.0	80.7	79.3	300	1700
Hospitals	34.3	34.0	33.2	300	1100
GOVERNMENT	263.7	263.9	258.0	-200	5700
Federal Government	54.4	54.2	52.2	200	2200
State Government	62.9	63.7	59.3	-800	3600
Education	42.8	43.9	40.0	-1100	2800
Local Government	146.4	146.0	146.5	400	-100
Education	80.7	80.4	80.6	300	100
LABOR DISPUTANTS	5.5	0.0	0.0	5500	5500

DENVER MSA AND BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	MAY 2/ 1987	APR 3/ 1987	MAY 1986	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	907.3	900.6	897.4	6700	9900
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	68.8	71.8	58.0	-3000	10800
Unemployment Rate (%)	7.6	8.0	6.5	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	838.5	828.8	839.4	9700	-900
Nonagricultural 5/	830.7	822.5	831.5	8200	-800
Agricultural	7.8	6.3	7.9	1500	-100
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	808.7	803.2	808.5	5500	200
MINING	15.8	15.9	18.0	-100	-2200
Oil & Gas Extraction	14.1	14.2	16.0	-100	-1900
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	40.1	39.2	42.7	900	-2600
MANUFACTURING	94.5	94.3	97.0	200	-2500
Durable Goods	50.2	50.0	52.0	200	-1800
Transportation Equipment	16.3	16.3	15.9	0	400
Nondurable Goods	44.3	44.3	45.0	0	-700
Food & Kindred Products	14.2	14.2	14.9	0	-700
Printing & Publishing	13.2	13.1	13.2	100	0
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	64.0	64.5	63.2	-500	800
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	203.2	200.7	202.5	2500	700
Wholesale Trade	53.4	53.6	56.6	-200	-3200
Retail Trade	149.8	147.1	145.9	2700	3900
Eating & Drinking Places	54.6	54.7	56.3	-100	-1700
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	65.5	65.3	65.5	200	0
SERVICES	199.9	197.5	198.3	2400	1600
Hotels & Other Lodging	11.8	11.7	11.9	100	-100
Health Services	47.0	46.9	45.8	100	1200
GOVERNMENT	125.7	125.8	121.3	-100	4400
Federal Government	32.2	32.2	31.1	0	1100
State Government	25.6	26.3	23.4	-700	2200
Local Government	67.9	67.3	66.8	600	1100
LABOR DISPUTANTS	5.0	0.0	0.0	5000	5000

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	MAY 2/ 1987	APR 3/ 1987	MAY 1986	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	129.6	129.7	129.5	-100	100
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	7.8	8.4	7.7	-600	100
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	6.5	6.0	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	121.8	121.3	121.8	500	0
Nonagricultural 5/	120.0	119.8	120.0	200	0
Agricultural	1.8	1.5	1.8	300	0
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	104.7	104.1	104.0	600	700
MINING	0.3	0.3	0.3	0	0
CONTRACT CONSTRUCTION	3.7	3.6	4.3	100	-600
MANUFACTURING	28.2	28.3	28.0	-100	200
Durable Goods	23.1	23.2	23.0	-100	100
Nondurable Goods	5.1	5.1	5.0	0	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.2	2.2	2.3	0	-100
WHOLESALE AND RETAIL TRADE	22.7	22.6	22.7	100	0
Wholesale Trade	2.7	2.7	2.8	0	-100
Retail Trade	20.0	19.9	19.9	100	100
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	3.9	3.9	3.8	0	100
SERVICES	21.8	21.6	20.8	200	1000
GOVERNMENT	21.9	21.6	21.8	300	100
Federal Government	2.7	2.7	2.6	0	100
State Government	10.5	10.3	9.9	200	600
Local Government	8.7	8.6	9.3	100	-600
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	MAY 1987 PRELIM TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	APRIL 1987 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	6073	5466	607	10.0	--	6073	5467	606	10.0
ARCHULETA	2487	2270	217	8.7	--	2496	2243	253	10.1
BACA	2049	1972	77	3.8	--	1924	1828	96	5.0
BENT	2333	2202	131	5.6	--	2274	2128	146	6.4
CHAFFEE	6462	5536	926	14.3	--	6599	5556	1043	15.8
CHEYENNE	1007	964	43	4.3	--	951	905	46	4.8
CLEAR CREEK	2966	2597	369	12.4	--	2984	2608	376	12.6
CO. SPGS. MSA	180612	164133	16479	9.1	--	181327	163915	17412	9.6
CONEJOS	2345	1935	410	17.5	--	2357	1867	490	20.8
COSTILLA	1000	780	220	22.0	--	979	756	223	22.8
CROWLEY	1128	1022	106	9.4	--	1073	964	109	10.2
CUSTER	919	822	97	10.6	--	888	797	91	10.2
DELTA	8451	7235	1216	14.4	--	8376	7114	1262	15.1
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1036938	960334	76604	7.4	--	1030388	950194	80194	7.8
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	129660	121844	7816	6.0	--	129726	121346	8380	6.5
-DENVER MSA	907278	838490	68788	7.6	--	900662	828848	71814	8.0
---ADAMS	154757	139897	14860	9.6	--	154122	138288	15834	10.3
---ARAPAHOE	212324	199086	13238	6.2	--	210517	196796	13721	6.5
---DENVER	284076	260748	23328	8.2	--	282119	257751	24368	8.6
---DOUGLAS	19159	17996	1163	6.1	--	19045	17789	1256	6.6
---JEFFERSON	236962	220763	16199	6.8	--	234859	218224	16635	7.1
DOLORES	874	795	79	9.0	--	839	777	62	7.4
EAGLE	11059	10019	1040	9.4	--	12750	11374	1376	10.8
ELBERT	3644	3264	380	10.4	--	3615	3212	403	11.1
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	86958	80931	6027	6.9	--	87857	81279	6578	7.5
FREMONT	11281	9727	1554	13.8	--	11503	9699	1804	15.7
GARFIELD	14286	12850	1436	10.1	--	14462	12856	1606	11.1
GILPIN	1307	1160	147	11.2	--	1323	1157	166	12.5
GRAND	5519	5109	410	7.4	--	5623	5115	508	9.0
GREELEY MSA	64434	58738	5696	8.8	--	64008	57948	6060	9.5
GUNNISON	5899	5303	596	10.1	--	5847	5248	599	10.2
HINSDALE	395	356	39	9.9	--	384	345	39	10.2
HUERFANO	2574	2117	457	17.8	--	2580	2067	513	19.9
JACKSON	894	833	61	6.8	--	877	788	89	10.1
KIOWA	1024	974	50	4.9	--	950	902	48	5.1
KIT CARSON	3826	3652	174	4.5	--	3667	3455	212	5.8
LAKE	1818	1182	636	35.0	--	1688	1189	499	29.6
LA PLATA	16472	14871	1601	9.7	--	16916	14904	2012	11.9
LAS ANIMAS	4411	3820	591	13.4	--	4466	3839	627	14.0
LINCOLN	2117	2029	88	4.2	--	2033	1933	100	4.9
LOGAN	9606	8401	1205	12.5	--	9327	8181	1146	12.3
MESA	38315	33650	4665	12.2	--	38504	33587	4917	12.8
MINERAL	287	244	43	15.0	--	309	241	68	22.0
MOFFAT	5528	4742	786	14.2	--	5549	4706	843	15.2
MONTEZUMA	8742	7503	1239	14.2	--	8970	7439	1531	17.1
MONTROSE	10803	9433	1370	12.7	--	10847	9300	1547	14.3
MORGAN	9490	8267	1223	12.9	--	9148	8050	1098	12.0
OTERO	8766	7609	1157	13.2	--	8750	7417	1333	15.2
OURAY	1117	995	122	10.9	--	1093	959	134	12.3
PARK	2900	2565	335	11.6	--	2899	2548	351	12.1
PHILLIPS	2239	2151	88	3.9	--	2100	2020	80	3.8
PITKIN	9345	8441	904	9.7	--	10199	8841	1358	13.3
PROWERS	6496	6041	455	7.0	--	6408	5889	519	8.1
PUEBLO MSA	48628	43186	5442	11.2	--	49089	43275	5814	11.8
RIO BLANCO	2867	2575	292	10.2	--	2837	2539	298	10.5
RIO GRANDE	5177	4516	661	12.8	--	5245	4347	898	17.1
ROUTT	7802	6640	1162	14.9	--	8344	7175	1169	14.0
SAGUACHE	1514	1317	197	13.0	--	1517	1234	283	18.7
SAN JUAN	554	441	113	20.4	--	627	524	103	16.4
SAN MIGUEL	2278	1909	369	16.2	--	2331	1889	442	19.0
SEDGWICK	1374	1308	66	4.8	--	1318	1243	75	5.7
SUMMIT	8551	7921	630	7.4	--	9442	8708	734	7.8
TELLER	4976	4401	575	11.6	--	5054	4443	611	12.1
WASHINGTON	2617	2386	231	8.8	--	2414	2209	205	8.5
YUMA	4750	4551	199	4.2	--	4443	4208	235	5.3
STATE TOTAL	1698284	1556191	142093	8.4	--	1696841	1545401	151440	8.9

ESTIMATES MADE IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AND ADJUSTED TO CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA. ESTIMATES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED.

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

DEPT. OF LAB. & EMP.
LABOR MKT. INFORMATION

STATE OF COLORADO
MAY 1986 REVISED

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	6124	5494	630	10.3
ARCHULETA	2637	2350	287	10.9
BACA	2127	2009	118	5.5
BENT	2327	2221	106	4.6
CHAFFEE	6479	5762	717	11.1
CHEYENNE	1022	992	30	2.9
CLEAR CREEK	3020	2709	311	10.3
CO. SPGS. MSA	177395	164010	13385	7.5
CONEJOS	2396	1970	426	17.8
COSTILLA	1037	802	235	22.7
CROWLEY	1142	1010	132	11.6
CUSTER	945	843	102	10.8
DELTA	8480	7237	1243	14.7
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1026970	961282	65688	6.4
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	129577	121842	7735	6.0
-DENVER MSA	897393	839440	57953	6.5
---ADAMS	152757	140055	12702	8.3
---ARAPAHOE	210471	199311	11160	5.3
---DENVER	280938	261045	19893	7.1
---DOUGLAS	18937	18016	921	4.9
---JEFFERSON	234290	221013	13277	5.7
DOLORES	894	820	74	8.3
EAGLE	12285	11004	1281	10.4
ELBERT	3634	3353	281	7.7
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	87233	81817	5416	6.2
FREMONT	11400	10097	1303	11.4
GARFIELD	14583	13091	1492	10.2
GILPIN	1298	1182	116	8.9
GRAND	5538	5177	361	6.5
GREELEY MSA	63961	58352	5609	8.8
GUNNISON	6079	5661	418	6.9
HINSDALE	384	378	6	1.6
HUERFANO	2702	2186	516	19.1
JACKSON	905	849	56	6.2
KIOWA	1037	1003	34	3.3
KIT CARSON	3912	3709	203	5.2
LAKE	2037	1547	490	24.1
LA PLATA	16261	14697	1564	9.6
LAS ANIMAS	4660	3967	693	14.9
LINCOLN	2209	2079	130	5.9
LOGAN	9663	8896	767	7.9
MESA	38659	33847	4812	12.4
MINERAL	307	253	54	17.6
MOFFAT	5614	4837	777	13.8
MONTEZUMA	8973	7722	1251	13.9
MONTROSE	10958	9567	1391	12.7
MORGAN	9615	8344	1271	13.2
OTERO	8909	8050	859	9.6
OURAY	1148	987	161	14.0
PARK	2994	2677	317	10.6
PHILLIPS	2319	2223	96	4.1
PITKIN	9933	9048	885	8.9
PROWERS	6611	6067	544	8.2
PUEBLO MSA	49514	43511	6003	12.1
RIO BLANCO	3013	2746	267	8.9
RIO GRANDE	5506	4914	592	10.8
ROUTT	8081	7147	934	11.6
SAGUACHE	1586	1341	245	15.4
SAN JUAN	697	599	98	14.1
SAN MIGUEL	2390	2121	269	11.3
SEDGWICK	1440	1332	108	7.5
SUMMIT	9243	8661	582	6.3
TELLER	4988	4496	492	9.9
WASHINGTON	2673	2458	215	8.0
YUMA	4913	4678	235	4.8
STATE TOTAL	1692860	1566182	126678	7.5

ALL ESTIMATES MADE IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AND ADJUSTED TO CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY DATA. ESTIMATES NOT SEASONALLY ADJUSTED. 2-12-87 3/86 CES

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

DEPT. OF LAB. & EMP
LABOR MKT. INFORMATION

ANNUAL AVERAGE 1986

AREA	TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
ALAMOSA	5965	5369	596	10.0
ARCHULETA	2620	2337	283	10.8
BACA	2058	1946	112	5.4
BENT	2309	2187	122	5.3
CHAFFEE	6426	5739	687	10.7
CHEYENNE	1034	970	64	6.2
CLEAR CREEK	3014	2724	290	9.6
CO. SPGS. MSA	178784	165687	13097	7.3
CONEJOS	2457	1939	518	21.1
COSTILLA	1041	791	250	24.0
CROWLEY	1101	992	109	9.9
CUSTER	927	837	90	9.7
DELTA	8490	7248	1242	14.6
DEN-BLDR CMSA	1029598	962095	67503	6.6
-BLDR-LMNT MSA	129645	121908	7737	6.0
-DENVER MSA	899953	840187	59766	6.6
---ADAMS	152967	140180	12787	8.4
---ARAPAHOE	211395	199489	11906	5.6
---DENVER	281682	261276	20406	7.2
---DOUGLAS	19091	18033	1058	5.5
---JEFFERSON	234820	221210	13610	5.8
DOLORES	883	811	72	8.2
EAGLE	12467	11620	847	6.8
ELBERT	3617	3304	313	8.7
FT COL-LOVLD MSA	86974	81221	5753	6.6
FREMONT	11297	10044	1253	11.1
GARFIELD	14537	13116	1421	9.8
GILPIN	1287	1170	117	9.1
GRAND	5481	5220	261	4.8
GREELEY MSA	63798	58419	5379	8.4
GUNNISON	5870	5535	335	5.7
HINSDALE	379	363	16	4.2
HUERFANO	2642	2187	455	17.2
JACKSON	885	835	50	5.6
KIOWA	999	969	30	3.0
KIT CARSON	3812	3639	173	4.5
LAKE	1851	1503	348	18.8
LA PLATA	16338	14894	1444	8.8
LAS ANIMAS	4560	3854	706	15.5
LINCOLN	2147	2032	115	5.4
LOGAN	9461	8743	718	7.6
MESA	38813	34167	4646	12.0
MINERAL	293	251	42	14.3
MOFFAT	5536	4821	715	12.9
MONTEZUMA	8883	7671	1212	13.6
MONTROSE	10895	9458	1437	13.2
MORGAN	9442	8358	1084	11.5
OTERO	8812	7943	869	9.9
OURAY	1143	996	147	12.9
PARK	2923	2660	263	9.0
PHILLIPS	2258	2154	104	4.6
PITKIN	9649	9086	563	5.8
PROWERS	6558	6037	521	7.9
PUEBLO MSA	49720	43704	6016	12.1
RIO BLANCO	2951	2724	227	7.7
RIO GRANDE	5473	4782	691	12.6
ROUTT	8056	7397	659	8.2
SAGUACHE	1604	1302	302	18.8
SAN JUAN	663	559	104	15.7
SAN MIGUEL	2285	2097	188	8.2
SEDGWICK	1414	1302	112	7.9
SUMMIT	9188	8773	415	4.5
TELLER	4999	4507	492	9.8
WASHINGTON	2575	2378	197	7.7
YUMA	4761	4536	225	4.7
STATE TOTAL	1694000	1568000	126000	7.4

ESTIMATES MADE IN COOPERATION WITH THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF LABOR - BUREAU OF LABOR STATISTICS AND ADJUSTED TO THE 1986 CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY.

HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES 7/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 2/ 1987	APR 3/ 1987	MAY 1986	MAY 2/ 1987	APR 3/ 1987	MAY 1986	MAY 2/ 1987	APR 3/ 1987	MAY 1986
CONSTRUCTION	$471.10	$463.64	$440.08	37.9	37.3	36.4	$12.43	$12.43	$12.09
MANUFACTURING	$408.44	$399.80	$392.75	40.6	39.9	40.2	$10.06	$10.02	$9.77
Durable Goods	$417.59	$410.66	$405.02	40.9	40.7	40.3	$10.21	$10.09	$10.05
Nondurable Goods	$394.76	$382.53	$371.47	40.2	38.6	39.9	$9.82	$9.91	$9.31

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAY 2/ 1987	APR 3/ 1987	MAY 1986	MAY 2/ 1987	APR 3/ 1987	MAY 1986	MAY 2/ 1987	APR 3/ 1987	MAY 1986
CONSTRUCTION	$497.42	$492.98	$454.19	37.4	36.9	35.1	$13.30	$13.36	$12.94
MANUFACTURING	$454.73	$439.83	$432.02	42.3	40.5	40.3	$10.75	$10.66	$10.72
Durable Goods	$477.91	$459.91	$458.70	42.9	41.1	41.7	$11.14	$11.19	$11.00
Nondurable Goods	$433.26	$421.34	$403.52	41.7	39.9	38.8	$10.39	$10.56	$10.40

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

	COLORADO 8/			DENVER AREA		
	MAY 1987	APR 1987	MAY 1986	MAY 1987	APR 1987	MAY 1986
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	15,973	15,939	14,998	9,149	7,745	7,235
Continued Claims	140,876	170,851	137,385	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	114,442	142,645	121,544	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$18,107,832	$22,487,643	$19,104,828	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$88,002,144	$38,724,116	$109,872,458	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	16,049	16,268	13,742	7,860	8,111	6,328
Nonagricultural Placements	5,271	4,911	5,339	1,724	1,744	2,048
Agricultural Placements	457	547	330	194	201	165

AREA LABOR FORCE COMARISONS

April 1987 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	118,347	1696.8	1604.1	459.2	406.8	678.2	757.7	240.5
Unemployment	7,306	151.4	111.8	42.9	29.3	60.0	50.5	21.9
Unemployment Rate(%)	6.2	8.9	7.0	9.3	7.2	8.8	6.7	9.1
Employment	111,041	1545.4	1492.3	416.3	377.5	618.2	707.2	218.6

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted except where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonable weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.

5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.

6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on March 1986 benchmark utilizing 1972 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.

7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.

8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 60,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 900 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they were ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed, i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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